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In re application of

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Group Art Unit: 1652

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For: NOVEL PROTEIN-DEAMIDATING ENZYME, MICROORGANISM PRODUCING
THE SAME, GENE ENCODING THE SAME, PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR,
AND USE THEREOF

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

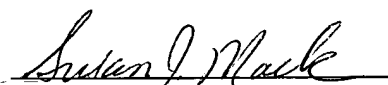
IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/324,910 filed on June 3, 1999 (now

United States Patent No. 6,251,651) the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

Respectfully submitted,


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